

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2158 - SB 2153**

March 4, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits municipal and county employees from serving on the legislative bodies of the local governments by which they are employed, unless such employment began prior to December 1, 2018 and no disruption in service on the legislative body occurs. Authorizes a local government to hold a referendum in order to exempt their legislative body from the provisions of the proposed legislation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Preventing employees of municipalities and counties from serving on their respective municipal or county legislative body will not result in any significant increase in local expenditures.
- If a local government opts to exempt their legislative body, upon passage of a resolution by a two-thirds majority, shall present a certified copy of the resolution to the county election commission to schedule a date for an election on the question.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-3-204, elections on questions shall be held not less than 75 days nor more than 90 days after the county election commission is directed to hold the election; however if the election date is within 90 days of an upcoming primary or general election the question may be added to that election ballot.
- In the event a local government opts to hold a referendum which coincides with a regular primary or general election there will be no increase in local government expenditures; however if a referendum is held not in conjunction with a regularly scheduled primary or general election, the increase in local government expenditures will vary based on the size of the local government.
- It is reasonably assumed that any local government seeking to hold a referendum to exempt their legislative bodies from the provisions of the proposed legislation will do so during a regularly scheduled primary or general election; therefore any increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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